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**DISCONTINUANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
Section 214 Application (47 C.F.R. § 63.19)**

ITC-214-19980804-00626

TCI WIRELESS, INC.

International Telecommunications Discontinuance Certificate
Service(s): Maritime Mobile Radio Telephone Service

Discontinuance of Service

Date of Action 12/31/99

Application for authority to discontinue service as a facilities-based carrier in accordance with the provision of Section 63.19 of the rules

Discontinuance of Maritime Mobile Radio Telephone Service via Public Coast Station KCK (Hilo, Hawaii)

Application under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.19 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.19, to discontinue maritime mobile radio telephone service via public coast station KCK.

TCI Wireless, Inc. (TCIW), a non-dominant provider of maritime mobile radio telephone services, filed an application under Section 63.19 of the rules requesting authorization under Section 214 of the Communications Act to discontinue service at its sole public coast station, KCK, located at Hilo, Hawaii.

Section 63.19 of the rules, however, allows non-dominant carriers to discontinue service without obtaining formal authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act. Section 63.19 requires only that such a carrier notify all its customers in writing that it intends to discontinue service and submit to the Commission a copy of the notice that it has sent its customers. TCIW, however, states that it has never placed the subject station into service and, therefore, that it has no customers to notify. Accordingly, TCIW states that it cannot submit the required copy of the closure notice. TCIW, therefore, requested the Commission to grant authorization under Section 214 to discontinue its coast station.

Because TCIW has no customers, discontinuance of the coast station would not harm any user. Requiring TCIW to continue to operate a coast station without customers to serve would place an undue financial burden on TCIW. Accordingly, we find that the public interest would be served by granting the request of TCIW to

close its public coast station. We conclude that TCIW has complied with the requirements of Section 63.19. Because Section 63.19 does not require TCIW to file a request for authority under Section 214, we shall dismiss its application as unnecessary insofar as it seeks formal authority under Section 214. Rather, we shall treat TCIW's application as the required submission of notice under Section 63.19 of the rules.

TCIW, having complied with Section 63.19 of the rules, is free to discontinue its coast station KCK. TCIW is directed, within ten days of this notice, to submit the licenses it holds for frequencies for use at station KCK to the Commission for cancellation.

For additional information, contact John Copes or Breck Blalock of the International Bureau's Telecommunications Division at (202) 418-1460.